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JAYS DELIVER SHUTOUT

Blue Jays' Carlos Villanueva pitches against the Cleveland Indians in Toronto, Sunday. Villanueva threw a career-high eight strikeouts, delivering six shutout innings in the Blue Jays' 3-0 win over the Indians. Story, page 26. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lightning strike sends 17 to hospital

Whitby Ribfest. Bolt hits a crowded dining tent, surging electricity through victims' bodies

Matthew Lethbridge was serving up French fries out of his truck at Whitby Ribfest as thousands descended on Iroquois Park despite the threat of rain. A Johnny Cash cover band was scheduled to play at 2 p.m. and vendors were doling out their fare.

Then Lethbridge saw a flash of lightning across the road — close. Another flash came from behind the truck. Then came the booming crack of thunder.

He turned to see mayhem breaking out in the crowded dining tent, which had been struck by lightning. People were screaming. "They were running around everywhere."

The lightning strike injured 17 people, sending electricity surging through their bodies. None of the injuries were life-threatening, according to Durham Regional Police.

There were about 20,000 lightning strikes across Southern Ontario Sunday afternoon as part of dozens of storms, Environment Canada said. It took just one bolt to cause chaos in Whitby.

Lethbridge said he saw two people use a table as a makeshift stretcher to carry a woman towards the medical centre that was set up for the event. He also saw police officers carrying two young boys to the centre.

At least three people appeared to be knocked unconscious, according to another witness.

Durham police Sgt. Al Valks said seven people were rushed to hospital while the other 10 made their own way there. All of them suffered burn wounds.

"Apparently the electricity went through their feet up through their bodies. It was painful," he said.

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Storm's damage in Toronto

A Sunday afternoon thunderstorm left a mess behind in Toronto as well.

- Flooding closed the northbound ramp of the Don Valley Parkway at Queen Street E., while drivers on Lake Shore Boulevard had to pass through high water. Crews also responded to a sinkhole at 57 Greenbrae Circuit.
- Fire crews received many calls about flooded basements, leaky roofs and people trapped in elevators.

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Memories of Toronto

Throwing first pitch a dream come true

In the documentary Baseball in the Time of Cholera, Joseph Alvyns' face lights up with joy as he tours Toronto.

"I like the city," he says. "We walked everywhere. It's different from Haiti. No earthquakes. No riots. No cholera."

He tells his mom when he calls her from the Blue Jays game: "It's cold in this country." She advises him to put on a jacket to stay warm. He says he will.

But the joy of the visit is quickly shattered. Three weeks after he returned to Port-au-Prince from Toronto, Alvyns' mother — who made her living making jewelry — got cholera. Despite medical intervention, she died.

Alvyns tell viewers at the beginning of the 28-minute documentary: "My name is Joseph Alvyns … I love baseball … I love my life.… In the afternoon I play baseball, in the morning I go to school in Port-au-Prince."

He introduces his team members and his family, and shows off his family home, his garden and one of his most coveted possessions: a gold statue of a baseball player that he received during his visit to Toronto.

"This is my favourite thing," he says as he kisses the statue.

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Joseph Alvyns throws the first pitch at a Blue Jays game in Toronto, in this screengrab from the just-released documentary by two aid workers who turned their cameras on baseball and the cholera epidemic as it spread across Haiti. METRO

Haitian teen's T.O. trip featured in cholera doc

Baseball in the Time of Cholera. Quake survivor brought to the city by the Rogers family, who own the Blue Jays

For Joseph Alvyns — a 17-year-old who survived the earthquake that ravaged Haiti — throwing the first pitch at a Blue Jays game was a dream come true.

The captain of the first-ever Haitian Little League team had been spotted on a television news clip by Martha Rogers, whose family owns the Blue Jays.

He and his cousin had been making bracelets to help children who were hurt by the tsunami that had rocked Japan.

Rogers — who was in Haiti doing work for Artists for Peace and Justice in March 2011 when she saw the clip — had been so moved by Alvyns' act of generosity even when he and his family had so little, she arranged to have him come to Toronto so he could watch a real baseball game.

"The irony really struck me," she said in an interview with Torstar News Service. "The poorest kids in the world raising money for the richest."

Alvyns' story and the story of the Little League team is part of a just-released short documentary by two American aid workers who turned their cameras on baseball and the cholera epidemic as it spread across Haiti.

The film — Baseball in the Time of Cholera — is also part of an international campaign that includes an online petition asking the United Nations to step up, accept responsibility for introducing cholera to the island and eliminate the disease that has killed about 7,200 people so far and infected another 542,000.

It recently won an award at the Tribeca Film Festival and can be found on YouTube.

The documentary shows Alvyns' journey to Toronto, his experience throwing the first pitch at a Jays game — wearing a Blue Jays jersey — meeting the players and watching the game.

During his trip, he toured the city, went to the CN Tower, Canada's Wonderland and the Eaton Centre.

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A 'brave kid'

"He loved (throwing the first pitch).... He's an amazing, brave, brave kid. All of them are for everything they've experienced down there." Martha Rogers

Film's focus shifted

The documentary provides a unique view of the spread of the cholera epidemic across Haiti and how it eventually impacts Joseph and his family, explained David Darg, who made the film along with Bryn Mooser.

- Originally the pair — who started the baseball team for children living in the camps — had planned to make a film about the impact of baseball on the kids of Port au Prince. "They had nothing to do at night. These camps are horrible places to live."

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On the web

The Boss gets cut off

British rock fans were treated to an abrupt concert end when Bruce Springsteen and Paul McCartney had their mics cut off by concert promoters at a London gig over the weekend. Go to metronews.ca to find out why the Boss and the Beatle were silenced.

Mobile news

Tony Stark himself (Robert Downey Jr.) joined Marvel Studios boss Kevin Feige at the San Diego Comic-Con this weekend to announce Marvel's upcoming slate of superhero movies, and drop a few tantalizing clips from Iron Man 3. Scan this code to find out what else is coming up in Marvel's movie calendar.

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Dogfight: City loses bid to shut down owner's weenie stands

Health violations. Recent Toronto case shows it can take years for action on an unsafe hotdog cart

The owner of a fleet of hotdog carts cited for health and safety violations — including a cart strewn with mouse droppings and dead rodents — has been allowed to keep operating.

Elisaveta Moskova has been selling hotdogs and sausages for almost 20 years and, with her husband, has owned and operated as many as a dozen carts during that time. The city recently tried to shut her down, but Toronto's civilian licensing tribunal has given her another chance.

"I am very lucky and happy with (the tribunal's) decision," Moskova said as she stood at one of her carts at University Avenue and Front Street.

Caveat emptor

- While restaurants are inspected three times a year, hotdog carts are considered lower risk because the food is precooked. On average, they're inspected once a year.
- The DineSafe website provides inspection information for 120 fixed hotdog carts but none for the remaining 366 mobile carts.

More than 55 carts have received warnings in the past four years, city records show. Moskova has the highest number of carts with infractions on that list.

Last November, an inspector made a routine visit to the Simcoe Street stand. The cart reeked of mouse urine, and shelves and surfaces were littered with more than 150 mouse droppings, inspectors estimated. A metal box trap contained four decomposing mice and a fifth "fresh" body was in a white bucket. Blue-grey rodent poison had been consumed and tracked throughout the cart.

The infestation and buildup of bugs, grease and dirt had gone unchecked for "at least a month, even longer," the tribunal heard. The cart's sink also was not operating, so the attendant had nowhere to wash his hands.

That cart, which the Toronto Licensing Tribunal agreed was a "horrific health situation," was shut down, and Moskova's licence and site permit were suspended.

In opposing Moskova's appeal, the city asked the tribunal to also review another six of her current cart licences, citing years of poor inspection results. A city lawyer confirmed the intent was to revoke the licences, tribunal documents show.

Elisaveta Moskova, right, owner of several hotdog stands, won a reprieve from the Toronto Licensing Tribunal after the city tried to have her carts put on probation for hygiene violations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But the tribunal determined that only two carts were bad enough to justify punishment. The licence for the Simcoe cart was denied and a second licence put on probation.

In its written reasons, the tribunal said Moskova demonstrated a "sincere desire" to run her business with "honesty and integrity."

The city is reviewing the decision, a spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, a new hotdog cart belonging to a different owner now operates at Simcoe and Queen. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Defendant Lakota Williams celebrates as she is found not guilty on all but one of the charges in a mock trial. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Law schools reach out to native students

She stands in the prisoner's dock, fielding questions about her drug bust. No, she didn't know there was marijuana in the bag, honest. She thought it was just chewing gum.

Playing the role of an accused drug dealer at a mock trial on Friday at the University of Toronto law school, Lakota Williams beat every charge but one — possession. Not bad for a high-school student who came to Toronto from Thunder Bay for a five-day taste of law school.

She was one of 35 Canadian teens who took part in the first Aboriginal Youth Summer Program hosted by the faculties of law at York and the U of T as a way to encourage more natives to consider law as a career.

Beating their own drum

"We held a drum circle on campus and it was so powerful I was on the verge of tears. It was like touching your roots, and we all played. No one was ashamed."
Lakota Williams

For Williams, who already knows she wants to be a lawyer, the tours of courtrooms and law firms changed her focus from criminal law to aboriginal justice.

Studies show aboriginal youth have among the lowest participation rates in higher education. But outreach can work, U of T law dean Mayo Moran said. "Aboriginal youth are hungry for opportunities to learn about the law. We received double the number of applicants for available spaces."

York law-school dean Lorne Sossin said he hoped that letting students meet aboriginal lawyers and judges can help students picture themselves in law. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A Barrie police officer speaks with a woman on Virgilwood Crescent. Police have uncovered at least 50 explosive devices in the home of an accused murderer on the quiet Barrie street. Dozens of people who have been evacuated won't be allowed back into their homes for days, police said Sunday. BENJAMIN RICETTO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dozens of bombs found in accused killer's home

Barrie neighbourhood remains evacuated.
Homemade explosives detonated by police

Police have found at least 50 improvised explosive devices at a Barrie home in a search that has forced the evacuation of the neighbourhood.

Nine of the homemade bombs were exploded Sunday afternoon in a controlled detonation on the edge of the city.

Const. Angela Butler of Barrie police said the roughly 60 people who have been kept from their homes since Thursday won't be able to go home yet.

"It will be a few more days at least," Butler said. "As the officers go through the home, they're finding more and more improvised explosives."

The house at 30 Virgilwood Cres. seemed just like any other on a quiet street in Barrie, said residents of the neighbourhood, until police arrested a father and son in connection to a 1978 murder of 26-year-old Michael Traynor last week.

The explosives were found after the arrests of Donald Feldhoff, 54, who has been charged with murder, and his father William Feldhoff, 75, charged with being an accessory after the fact.

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Thousands remain stranded in wake of Japan's floods

A residential area is submerged by a torrential rain overnight in Kyoto, western Japan, Sunday. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worst is over. People living in mountainous region remain cut off due to landslides and fallen trees

Thousands of people in southern Japan remained cut off Sunday by floods and mudslides triggered by torrential rains that have killed at least 26 people, local authorities said.

Evacuation orders issued a day earlier for a quarter of a million people were lifted in most areas Sunday as the rains subsided, allowing many people to return home.

But thousands remained cut off by landslides or fallen trees that blocked roads in mountainous areas.

More than 3,000 people were left stranded in Yame, in Fukuoka Prefecture in southwestern Japan, where roads were cut off to seven districts, the Kyodo news agency reported, citing local authorities. The Japanese military airlifted food by helicopters to stranded districts.

Local officials raised the death toll from the torrential rains in the northern parts of the Kyushu region to 26, and six people remain missing in Kumamoto, Oita and Fukuoka prefectures, Kyodo reported. Most of the victims were in their 70s and 80s.

In Yame, a 70-year-old man died after being caught in a landslide, while another man died in Yanagawa, also in Fukuoka, after being retrieved from a car at an irrigation channel floodgate, according to local authorities, Kyodo reported.

In Kyoto Prefecture, in western Japan, heavy rainfall of up to 90 millimetres per hour flooded around 100 houses each in Kameoka and Kyoto, Japan's old capital.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said that the worst was over, but predicted more rain and thunderstorms in some areas through Monday.

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B.C. Weather could slow rescue operations after four buried by landslide

Crews are keeping a close eye on the weather as it hampers search efforts for four people believed to be buried in a massive landslide in southeastern British Columbia.

Bill Macpherson of the Central Kootenay Regional District said the slope of mud, trees and other debris was deemed stable enough on Sunday for rescuers to head back to the community of Johnson's Landing.

But Macpherson said with a thunderstorm warning issued and rain falling, weather conditions were unstable and there was a chance efforts would be called off if the site showed any sign of instability.

Lynn Migdal has identified the missing as her 17- and 22-year-old daughters, Rachel and Diana Webber, along with her ex-husband Val Webber. A female German tourist is also believed to have been caught in the debris.

Valentine Webber and his daughter Rachel are among four people missing after a landslide in B.C. SARAH JENKINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Egypt

Building collapse claims 11 lives

An apartment tower under construction collapsed on adjacent buildings in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, killing 11 people, Egypt's Health Ministry said Sunday.

The ministry said five other people were injured and that search teams were searching for survivors buried under rubble.

The 11-storey building in the poor Alexandria neighbourhood of al-Gomrouk collapsed late Saturday onto three adjacent buildings, reducing much of the structures to rubble. All the dead and injured lived in the three smaller buildings.

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Penn State scandal

Paterno losing his saintly status

An artist has removed a halo from a mural of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno amid the school's child sex-abuse scandal.

Michael Pilato had put a halo over Paterno's image after the beloved coach's death in January, but said he felt he had to remove it Saturday after a report that Paterno, former university president Graham Spanier and others buried allegations of child sex-abuse against ex-assistant Jerry Sandusky. Paterno's family denies the claim.

Pilato added a large blue ribbon, instead, on Paterno's lapel symbolizing support for child abuse victims.

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Another massacre? Syria denies heavy weapons used in latest violence

Syria is denying claims that government forces used heavy weapons during a military operation that left scores dead and brought immediate international condemnation, while the International Committee of the Red Cross said it now considers the conflict in the country a civil war.

Syrian Foreign Ministry spokesman Jihad Makdissi said the violence Thursday was not a massacre — as activists and many foreign leaders have asserted — but a military operation targeting armed fighters who had taken control of the village of Tremseh.

"What happened wasn't an attack on civilians," Makdissi told reporters in Damascus. He said 37 gunmen and two civilians were killed — a far lower death toll than the one put forward by anti-regime activists, some of whom estimate that more than 100 people were killed.

But the United Nations has already implicated Assad's forces in the assault. The head of the UN observer mission said Friday that monitors stationed near Tremseh saw the army using heavy weaponry and attack helicopters.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it now deems the conflict in Syria a civil war, meaning international humanitarian law applies throughout the country.

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Suspects on terror list not flagged: Report

Summer Olympics.
Fresh security concerns reported with the Games to start in London in just 12 days

Britain's Olympic security plans fell under fresh scrutiny Sunday, with a newspaper reporting that several people on a terror-watch list have been waved through airport border controls without being flagged.

At the same time officials are still trying to calm the uproar over a security contractor's failure to provide its promised number of staff.

The Observer newspaper's report is the latest in a series of last-minute concerns to surface as London gets ready to host the Olympic Games from July 27 to Aug. 12.

Passengers at London's historic St. Pancras train station.
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The paper said that, since the start of the month, immigration staff at London's Heathrow Airport had missed several people on a security watch list whose arrival in the country was meant to have been reported to counter-terrorism police or Britain's domestic intelligence service.

The newspaper cited unions as suggesting that staff brought in to help relieve the pressure at Heathrow, which has faced recurring problems handling large influxes of passengers, weren't being properly trained.

The airport, Europe's busiest, has recently struggled to clear huge lines that build up at immigration checkpoints during peak times, leading to fears of Olympics-related chaos as tourists fly in to watch the games.

The paper's report left it unclear whether the people on the watch list were still in the country or whether they were intercepted later.

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AP intern remembered for 'a life richly lived'

Death being investigated. Armando Montano's body was found June 30 in a building's elevator shaft in Mexico City

Hundreds of friends and colleagues gathered Sunday for a memorial celebration for Armando Montano, a news intern for The Associated Press who died at age 22 in Mexico City.

The service was held at Colorado College, where Montano's parents, Diane Alters and Mario Montano, both teach. It was by turns tearful and full of laughter as those gathered recounted how Montano — who was known as "Mando" — had great passion for journalism, family, friends and life.

"If you are a journalist, take Mando's legacy and tell the stories he would have," said Aaron Edwards, a friend who, like Montano, served as a Chips Quinn Scholar with the Freedom Forum for Diversity in 2011.

Among the tributes Sunday were those from Montano's colleagues in Colorado, Mexico and elsewhere around the world. In honour of his life, the song Gracias a la Vida by the late Argentine artist Mercedes Sosa was performed, as well as a video and a slideshow montage compiled by his friends and family.

"We gather to celebrate a life richly lived," Chaplain Bruce Coriell said.

In this June 4 photo, Armando Montano, 22, poses for an ID photo at The Associated Press office in Mexico City. Montano, an aspiring journalist who was working this summer as a news intern for The Associated Press in the Mexican capital, was found dead June 30. EDUARDO VERDUGO /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montano's body was found June 30 in the elevator shaft of an apartment building near his home in Mexico City's Condesa neighbourhood. The circumstances of his death are still being investigated by Mexican authorities.

He was not on assignment at the time of his death.

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Hailed as heroes. Polish wartime rescuers of Jews celebrated in Warsaw

For decades, nobody really talked about them: The thousands of Poles, mostly Roman Catholics, who risked their lives during World War II to save Jewish friends, neighbours and even strangers.

Those discovered by the Germans were executed quickly, often with their entire families. And then, under communism, there was silence. The Jewish survivors would send letters and gifts in gratitude. But the Polish state ignored the rescuers. And they themselves kept quiet, out of modesty, or shame or fear of anti-Semitism. Sometimes they worried gift packages from the West would arouse the jealousy of neighbours in a period of economic deprivation.

"It wasn't considered anything to be proud of," said Ewa Ligia Zdanowicz, an 81-year-old whose parents hid a Jewish teenage girl in their home during the war.

That era is over.

A moving gathering of dozens of the rescuers on Sunday in Warsaw shows just how much has changed in Poland in the 23 years since communism fell. Dozens of Polish rescuers were celebrated and dined over a kosher lunch in an upscale hotel where Jewish representatives took turns praising them in speeches for their heroism.

"You, the righteous of the world, think your behaviour was ordinary, but we all know it was something more than that. It was truly extraordinary," Stanlee Stahl, the executive vice-president of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, the group that organized the luncheon, told them in a speech. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pilgrims seek purification in waters of Haiti

A pilgrim bathes in a waterfall believed to have purifying powers in Saut d'Eau, Haiti, on Saturday. The annual pilgrimage is made in honour of Haiti's most celebrated patron saint, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Legend has it that she appeared on a palm tree in 1847 in the Palms Grove in Saut d'Eau and was integrated into Haiti's voodoo culture as the goddess of love, Ezili Danto.

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Body found in car trunk

Zimbabwean businessman found dead

Police in Zimbabwe say a five-day hunt for a prominent businessman ended with his bloodied body being found in the trunk of his car with a plastic bag wound around his head.

Police official James Sabau said the car was identified in Harare on Sunday after a massive campaign of fliers pinned on trees and email and media notices posted since Alan Banks, 52, went missing on Wednesday. A murder investigation has been opened, he said.

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Shootout kills 3

One of 3 rogue officers suspected in Mexican airport shooting caught

Mexican authorities say they've captured one of three rogue federal police officers who allegedly took part in a June 25 shootout that killed three of their colleagues at Mexico City's international airport.

Federal Police regional security chief Luis Cardenas Palomino says suspect Bogard Felipe Lugo de Leon was caught at a Mexico City apartment after police received a tip.

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Suicide bombing

Taliban linked to wedding attack: Afghan minister

An initial investigation into a bloody weekend suicide bombing at a wedding suggests the Taliban and terrorists were responsible, Afghanistan's interior minister said Sunday.

A suicide bomber drew close to a warlord-turned-lawmaker at his daughter's wedding on Saturday, then blew himself up, killing the father of the bride and 22 others. The Taliban have not claimed responsibility for the attack, nor have they denied that they carried it out.

The grisly attack showed again how militants still have the capability of causing havoc in Afghanistan, despite a decade-long U.S.-led military campaign in Afghanistan, and two and a half years before NATO is due to hand security responsibilities over to Afghan government forces.

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Middle East strife

Israel's U-turns on funding of West Bank construction

The Israeli government has quietly agreed to grant subsidies to build more than 500 new homes in the West Bank, backtracking from a promise earlier this year to deny these incentives to the settlements.

The planned construction, at a time when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is trying to shore up support among settlers, has enraged the Palestinians and could cloud a visit starting Sunday by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as she tries to re-energize moribund Middle East peace efforts.

The housing units are benefiting from the government's designation of the settlements as "national priority" areas — a status normally reserved for low-income cities and towns where the government wants to encourage development.

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Arab Spring on minds of youth at Peace Camp

Opening a dialogue. Campers from countries in conflict are encouraged to voice their views and seek to resolve differences

The Arab Spring uprisings have brought a new sense of optimism to young people from troubled nations as they spend time at a special camp nestled in the hills of western Maine where they confront and resolve their differences.

"It gives me the feeling that everything is possible and nothing is impossible," said 17-year-old Lina, who witnessed the regime change in her home country of Egypt. "We believe that with change, peace is possible. We believe we are the leaders of the future."

Seeds of Peace is now in its 20th year of bringing together children from countries in conflict. More than 200 campers this summer — the most in the camp's two decades — include Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, Egyptians, Indians, Pakistanis and Afghans.

The session also comes as a regime change in Egypt ensues, invigorating the optimism that young campers like Lina can carry their message into the world.

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Canada's domain registry celebrates 25-year mark

Oh, Canada. Online suffix has now grown to become the 14th largest registry out of 250 worldwide

How much can two letters accomplish in 25 years? Enough to become an entire country's online home and electronic national brand.

Few Canadians may have understood the significance of the .ca top-level domain when it first came into being in 1987, but a quarter-century later, few are left in any doubt.

The Canadian government, the bulk of the country's academic institutions and hundreds of sites that fuel national e-commerce are just a few of the two million domains that have chosen to append the .ca suffix to the end of their websites.

It attracted only eight applicants when it was first conceived, but has now grown to become the 14th largest registry out of 250 worldwide, according to the Canadian Internet Regulation Authority, which oversees the network.

The man behind the .ca registry little envisioned such growth when he set out to carve out Canada's niche in cyberspace.

John Demco, then a computer science student at the University of British Columbia and now an industry consultant, said his decision to create the .ca suffix was driven largely by patriotism and a desire to make research easier.

Demco felt a uniquely Canadian top-level domain would smooth communications for researchers across the country while establishing the country's cyber-identity.

As the Internet became more cohesive and worked its way into more Canadian households, Demco watched his two-letter project grow to encompass some of the country's most prominent institutions.

CIRA assumed control of the .ca registry in 2000 and set about establishing a sound network that would keep domains online through any adversity. The organization has now established nine centres nationwide to administer and develop the registry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Early adopters

- Eight months after the .ca suffix was established on May 14, 1987, Demco began accepting applications from other institutions that wanted to join the fledgling network.
- The University of Prince Edward Island was the first to snap up a .ca address, followed shortly by five other universities and two research labs.

Myanmar farmers stand up for their rights

A group of farmers stage a protest rally in Yangon, Myanmar, on Sunday. The farmers near Yangon region are fighting back against confiscation of their farmlands by local authorities and businesses. The protest was the first public assembly to be held after the Myanmar government introduced the new Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tech troubles

RIM loses $147.2M patent lawsuit

Just as the dust began to settle from a tumultuous annual meeting, Research In Motion was hit with another setback Friday as a California jury ordered the troubled BlackBerry maker to pay $147.2 million in a patent lawsuit.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company was fresh out of Tuesday's meeting — which saw board members take some heat even as they hung on to their seats — when the verdict came down in the suit over a remote management system for wireless devices.

RIM said it is "disappointed" the jury sided with the Delaware-based Mformation Technologies and is "evaluating all legal options." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MasterCard, Visa and banks reach $6-billion US settlement with retailers over card fees

Immediate outcome

Fees to come down for eight months

As part of the settlement, credit-card companies have agreed to reduce swipe fees for eight months.

The temporary reprieve on fees is valued at $1.2 billion US. The settlement does not apply to debit cards, which have grown in popularity for small-value transactions.

"These new rules will give merchants the tools they need to put pressure on the credit-card networks to lower interchange or swipe fees, which are the second- or third-highest cost of doing business for many retailers," said Patrick J. Coughlin, one of the team of lawyers for the plaintiffs.

Joseph W. Saunders, chairman and chief executive of Visa Inc., said in a statement Friday that he's comfortable with the agreement, which he believes will not affect the company's earnings outlook.

"We believe settling this case is in the best interests of all parties," he said.

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Long-running lawsuit.
Merchants win major victory after complaining about the billions of dollars paid to banks for purchases using plastic

Visa, MasterCard and major banks agreed to pay retailers at least $6 billion US to settle a long-running lawsuit that alleged the card issuers conspired to fix the fees that stores pay to accept credit cards. As part of the settlement, stores from Rite Aid to Kroger will be allowed to charge customers more if they pay using a credit card.

The pact, announced late Friday, was called by lawyers involved in the case the largest antitrust settlement in U.S. history. It was seen as a major victory for merchants that have long complained about the billions of dollars in so-called "swipe" or "interchange" fees that they pay to banks for purchases made using plastic.

But at a time when shoppers increasingly are using credit and debit cards, merchants will face a dilemma: whether to charge shoppers extra for using plastic, and if so, how to do so without angering them.

Marilyn Landis, who was last year's chairman of the National Small Business Association, said that the settlement is a victory for small businesses across the country because it could ultimately lead to banks lowering the fees they charge stores for customers' credit-card purchases.

Pictured are credit-card decals on a store window in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Landis, who owns Pittsburgh-based financial services firm Basic Business Concepts, said that would be a big relief. She's now paying 3.75 per cent each time a customer pays with a credit card. If bank card companies reduce the fees they charge her to 2.75 per cent, she would save a dollar on every $100 in sales.

"That's huge," she said.

According to the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail group, swipe-fee costs for stores total about $30 billion per year. Mallory Duncan, senior vice-president and general counsel for the group, said the settlement is a step in the right direction.

"What we need are changes in the rules that bring about transparency and competition that would be here for years to come," he said.

The dispute between stores and banks dates back to 2005. That's when large retailers, including Kroger Co., Safeway Inc. and Walgreen Co. began filing price-fixing lawsuits against Visa, MasterCard and other banks.

The retailers claimed the credit-card issuers worked together to fix the fees that stores pay to accept credit and debit cards. The fees, which vary depending on the type of store and the type of card issues, average about two per cent of the price of a purchase.

Visa and MasterCard make money on the fees that stores pay for each customer that uses credit or debit cards for their purchases. The fees are set by card processing networks but collected by, and split with, the banks that issue the cards.

The card companies long have defended the fees they charge stores. They say stores benefit from being able to accept credit and debit cards from customers, who often spend more when they're using plastic instead of cash or checks.

Retailers fought to charge customers who use plastic for their purchases extra. They've argued that the ability to charge customers who use plastic more for their purchases would reduce their costs for accepting the cards.

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"Although we have strong defences to all claims, a settlement avoids years of litigation and uncertainties."

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Consumers reserved over genetically modified Arctic Apple

A British Columbia company has developed an apple that doesn't turn brown when cut or bruised.

But will consumers bite? A recent survey in Canada suggests some have reservations.

The research, commissioned by the B.C. Fruit Growers Association and the Quebec Apple Producers Association, found 69 per cent of the 1,501 participants would not support the approval of this genetically modified product.

Okanagan Specialty Fruits is seeking regulatory approval in Canada and the U.S. for the so-called Arctic Apple.

It comes in two varieties, Golden Delicious and Granny Smith, and there are plans to produce Fuji and Gall apples in the future.

A 60-day public-comment period initiated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture began on July 13.

A similar public-comment period has just been completed by the Canadian Food Safety Inspection Agency.

Senior media-relations officer Guy Gravelle said there were 3,300 submissions from consumers, academics and agricultural associations concerning the apple in that time.

This year's crop of Canadian-grown apples are becoming known for their quality and variety. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The next stage is a rigorous scientific examination of the apple to ensure its safety, a process that will take some time, he said.

"I don't think you can expect to see these apples on store shelves next year," he added.

Neal Carter, president of Okanagan, said Arctic Apples are a product of "a very simple application of biotechnology."

"There's an apple enzyme called polyphenol oxidase. We've used a very precision approach to just turn that enzyme off. The DNA is present still, but the protein is not produced. It's still an apple, there's no other changes," Carter said.

"Biotechnology is just a breeding tool. There's a lot of negative (comment) around the term and people get all worked up," said Carter, referring to "Frankenfoods," a term that has stigmatized genetically modified (GM) foods.

The Arctic Apple does have its detractors, among them the U.S. Apple Association.

"We don't think it's in the best interests of the apple industry of the United States to have that product in the marketplace at this place," Christian Schlect, president of the Northwest Horticultural Council told the New York Times.

The council represents treefruit growers in a region that produces 60 per cent of the apples in the U.S.

Carter said apples remain "pretty much an ideal snack food."

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away. As an apple grower, I'd rather you ate three or four apples a day," he added.

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Land seizure spawns violent conflict

In this May 5 photo, men work together to construct a home from the ground up in La Confianza, Honduras, a city developed from land seized by small-scale farmers from one of Honduras' richest men. The collection of tin-and-wood shacks boasts a health centre, a school, a meeting hall and a store. The land seizure has spawned a violent land conflict between the farmers and owner, billionaire Miguel Facusse, that has killed at least 63 people, mostly peasants, in the last three years. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Middle East

Pakistani company looking to Iraqi oil

Iraq has signed a preliminary deal with a Pakistani company to explore for natural gas in the country's east. In May, Iraq awarded Pakistan Petroleum the right to explore for gas in a 6,000-square-kilometre block. The company will be paid $5.38 US for each barrel of oil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spanish banks

EU bailout plans $120B US package

A German news weekly has reported the European Union's bailout fund is working on a $120-billion package for Spanish banks.

Der Spiegel says an initial $36-billion payment to Spain is planned for the end of July.

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France

Company told to cut fewer jobs

Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici says a plan from French carmaker PSA Peugeot-Citroen to eliminate thousands of jobs goes too far and the number of job cuts must be reduced. The struggling auto company announced plans last week to eliminate 8,000 jobs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ONECITY, TAKE TWO: LET'S GO REGIONAL

URBAN COMPASS
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A challenge to every municipal government in the Greater Toronto Area: Within the next year, pass a resolution in favour of a dedicated revenue strategy for regional transit expansion.

Yes, that will mean endorsing nasty things like road tolls or an increased sales tax. Yes, you'll inevitably run into opposition from people like Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, who this past week said — and I'm not making this up — that he "can't support taxing the taxpayer." Some politicians, weak-willed and lacking vision, will always call for more studies and consultation, endlessly punting the obvious solution downfield.

But the GTA can't afford to wait any longer. The Toronto Board of Trade reports that our economy will lose $15 billion every year starting in 2013 thanks to packed-to-the-gills transit vehicles and overcrowded highways.

TransitPretty

"It's easy for politicians to back transit plans when they're just fanciful maps with colourful lines connecting every which way."

And that cost will only go up.

Metrolinx, the provincial agency in charge of dealing with this mess, estimates that governments need to spend at least $50 billion on their Big Move transportation plan over the next few decades to improve the situation. That's money that has to come from somewhere. And, despite what Ford will tell you, cash for subway construction is unlikely to fall from the sky.

TTC chair Karen Stintz's OneCity transit strategy recognized that, but it failed last week because it tried to sidestep Metrolinx and the other government players. OneCity went straight to Plan B — a local plan with local money — skipping right past the ideal solution for GTA gridlock: a co-ordinated regional approach, one that acknowledges that congestion on Toronto's roads and rails starts way beyond the city's borders.

But there's good reason to be skeptical about Metrolinx and the Big Move. The province has yet to prove they really mean business when it comes to transit construction and the fragile minority government in Queen's Park has a history of backing away from controversy.

Beyond that, there's no real indication that other municipalities will respond well when the conversation inevitably turns to local revenue tools. It's easy for politicians to back transit plans when they're just fanciful maps with colourful lines connecting every which way. It's a lot harder to stand up and talk about how to pay.

Which brings me back to my challenge to town and city councils. If the Metrolinx revenue strategy for regional transportation is really going to work, it needs broad and committed support from every local government in the GTA. Councils in Peel, Halton, Durham, York and, yes, even Rob Ford's Toronto have got to send a forceful message that they're finally ready to get serious about the region's congestion problems.

If the GTA doesn't start to speak with one voice on transit, we're never going to get anywhere.

The eastbound Gardiner Expressway is a snarled mess during the Scotiabank Waterfront Marathon in this file photo. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toy blocks stack up to be fine art

CHIANG YING-YING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Piece by piece

Exhibition displays Lego-only sculptures

A visitor looks at New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya's artwork dubbed "T-Rax," constructed with Lego bricks during The Art of the Brick exhibition in Taipei, Taiwan, on Sunday.

The exhibition, also on tour in North America and Australia, is the first to display sculptures made solely of Lego bricks.

Each exhibition uses almost one million Lego pieces to produce awe-inspiring creations.

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The artist, the man

- Growing up, Sawaya was always a creative child. From drawing cartoons, crafting stories, perfecting magic tricks and, obviously, playing with Lego, he was able to discover his talent.
- He worked as a corporate lawyer until 2001, when he quit to take a job as a builder at Legoland — a job that paid only $30,000 US.
- He now works as a freelance artist and accepts commissions from celebrities, corporations and everything in between.

Does this Lego man look familiar? CONTRIBUTED

Building blocks

"I buy all of my bricks just like everyone else. I spend over six figures on bricks annually. My local Target loves me."

Nathan Sawaya in a statement on his website, regarding the 1.5-million coloured bricks in his New York studio.

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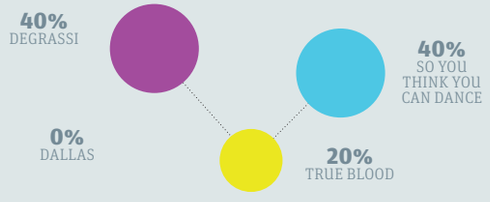

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@miss_Lariss: Every time there's a 'severe thunderstorm warning' it turns out to be one of the nicest afternoons.

@siberianbreak: guys i can see warped tour from my window. the 16 year old in me really wants to go

@envy270: probably picked a bad day to go out & buy a BBQ - I'm a drowned rat

@MrRonDukes: Geeeeeeeez its just rain. Drive your damn cars! #Toronto

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Batman royale

A quintet of actors have donned the cowl and taken up the mantle of film's guardian of Gotham City. While they all hide out in a cave and chase after deranged nutballs, there are many hues of grey in the Batman rainbow, from winking goofball to neurotic loner in need of Zoloft. The question is: If you needed to summon the Dark Knight (taping a bat emblem to a flashlight can work in a pinch), which iteration would you want strapping on the utility belt?

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Adam West

In spite of the barrage of Hollywood blockbusters that followed his tenure in the suit, the irreverent hero who saves the day by bam, zap, and ka-powing scores of henchmen remains the definitive Batman in much of the world. The '60s TV series and its companion movie were the height of camp. West delivered his kooky lines with deadpan sincerity, wearing the scripts overt corniness all over his polyester batsleeves and his underwear on the wrong side of his pants. But after West drank a cool glass of milk he could get to the bottom of any pun-ridden plot.

Après Batman Utility: West was offered the part of James Bond in Diamonds Are Forever and turned it down. Nowadays he voices Mayor Adam West, a nutty caricature of himself, on Family Guy.

Batarangs: 9 out of 10

Michael Keaton

When Keaton first got the nod to play Batman in the 1989 Tim Burton directed reboot, fan-boys griped that the star of Mr. Mom and Beetlejuice was an out-of-left-field choice. But Keaton would win over even the most persnickety of the bunch and reprised the role in 1992's Batman Returns. Despite a restrictive rubber bat suit that often made his movements appear stiff and wooden, Keaton clicked on all cylinders as the stoic vigilante plagued by the anguish of his parents' murder.

Après Batman Utility: Keaton's arched eyebrows turned up in a bunch in '90s movies but his output mellowed into the millennium as he started taking on daddy roles in forgettable fare like First Daughter and Post-Grad.

Batarangs: 8 out of 10

Val Kilmer

Kilmer had his hands full in 1995's Batman Forever. He was tasked with grooming an acrobatic sidekick and wooing a sexy psychologist all while squaring off against a pair of fiendishly insidious maniacs from his rogues gallery in Riddler and Two-Face. Kilmer was an assured and appealing Batman and gets top marks for looking a lot more like the comic book depiction of Bruce Wayne as a gallivanting playboy than his predecessors. Meanwhile, Kilmer's reportedly batty behaviour between takes had him at loggerheads with director Joel Schumacher. "Val is the most psychologically troubled human being I've ever worked with," he told Premiere magazine.

Après Batman Utility: While his 1990s heyday is well in the rearview, the now chubbier Julliard-schooled thespian continues to work steadily.

Batarangs: 7 out of 10

George Clooney

Clooney had the misfortune of starring in the nadir of Batman flicks and having the most anatomical suit complete with nipples. A critical and commercial flop, Batman & Robin meanders for 125 merciless minutes of canned dialogue, hokey one-liners, and senseless subplot overload. Clooney didn't do the movie any favours. He failed to capture the spirit of the character and comes across as way too dull and well adjusted to be believable as a modern version of the World's Greatest Detective. Compared with the previous two Batman incarnations, he is Papa Smurf in a cape with some kung-fu moves.

Après Batman Utility: Clooney was still doing ER when he shot Batman's biggest clunker. Despite his tarnishing of the bat-cowl, his Hollywood heavyweight years were still ahead of him.

Batarangs: 3 out of 10

Christian Bale

The first time Bale pulled on the Batman costume he freaked out. "The claustrophobia was just unbelievable," said Bale at a recent press conference for The Dark Knight Rises. "I stood there and I thought, 'I can't breathe. I can't think. This is too tight, this is squeezing my head. I'm about to have a nervous breakdown." Once he got his bearings Bale plumbed the darkest and most tortured corners of the D.C. character's psyche for inspiration. Unfortunately his thorough probe also produced his ridiculous snarl. Bale makes Batman sound like a guy in the witness protection program being interviewed on Dateline. He should try a duet with Tom Waits with that gravelly tone.

Après Batman Utility: While Christopher Nolan's Batman trilogy has kept Bale busy, he's also managed to work his magic in The Prestige and take home a best supporting actor Oscar for his turn in The Fighter.

Batarangs: 7.5 out of 10

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Box office

Ice Age freezes out competition

With Batman lurking, the prehistoric critters of Ice Age: Continental Drift ran off with the box office, with the movie earning $46 million in its opening weekend. The 20th Century Fox animated film is the fourth in the decade-long Ice Age series and the first in 3-D. The studio's box office estimate Sunday for the North America performance of Continental Drift was on par with previous Ice Age movies but well below the opening weekend of the second installment, The Meltdown, which opened with $68 million. In its second week of release, The Amazing Spider-Man, Sony's reboot of the web-slinging superhero, earned $35 million, pushing it just past a total of $200 million domestically. The much-anticipated Batman sequel The Dark Knight Rises opens Friday.

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Maxwell brings soul and gospel grooves to upcoming album

'Definitely it moves.'
R&B crooner dishes on blackSUMMERS'night

Maxwell. HANDOUT

Maxwell may have cancelled his six-date, three-city U.S. tour because of vocal hemorrhaging and swelling, but he's still hard at work on his upcoming album.

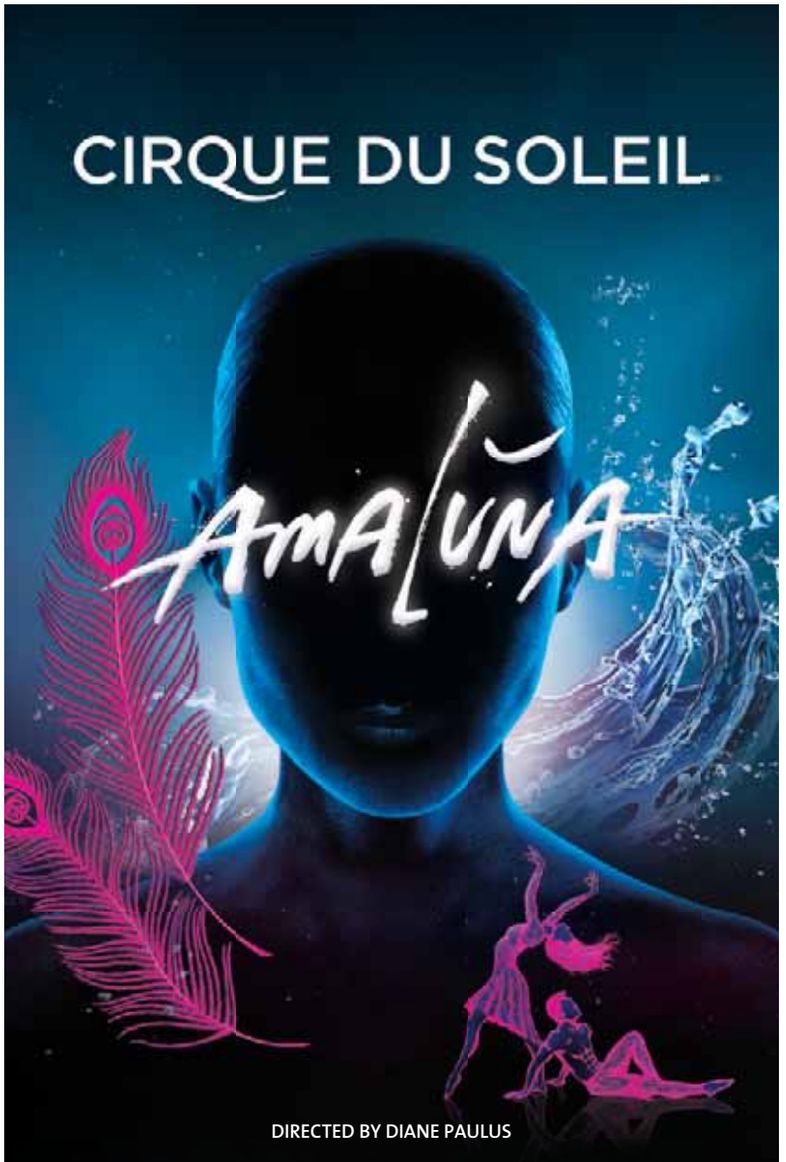
The soul crooner says blackSUMMERS'night, due out this year, will be more upbeat compared to his previous efforts. But don't expect to fist pump to his new sound. He also said the follow-up to 2009's Grammy-winning BLACKsummers'night will take on a gospel sound.

How's the new album coming along?
I got to tell you, man, definitely it moves, it's not like I abandoned everything and I'm going to colour my hair purple and do the punk thing. No. But it definitely kind of moves somewhere else past the BLACKsummers'night super-soul perspective music, the way that that record was, we have a soul thing and we have a gospel thing on the new album, but we're definitely much more futuristic without the Auto-Tune.

Is it a little more dance-y?
Yeah. It definitely gets you up in ways you wouldn't expect, you know. We have this song called Of All Kind and it's kind of slow, but it boogies. And then we have up-tempos. I always want to make it right and I'll be honest with you, when I came off the tour (in 2010) I really wanted to get back in (the studio) again, but I just wanted to take a break and just have a little bit of fun.

So you charge up your batteries and you have something to talk about because you went out, was talking to some girl about whatever, you have things to experience. Then I got a chance to not change the album, but take it up a notch and give it that 2012 thing.

D'Angelo is having a similar comeback like you did in 2009. How does it feel to see his return?
I'm a fan. I couldn't not respect what he does. We're one year apart in age and we came up around the same time. It's great, great, great news to hear that. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Hope Solo. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

What really goes on in the Olympic Village

The world's best athletes engage in a very adult form of exercise in the Olympic Village, if U.S. gold medallist Hope Solo is to be believed.

"There's a lot of sex going on," she tells ESPN. "With a once-in-a-lifetime experience, you want to build memories, whether it's sexual, partying or on the field. I've seen people having sex right out in the open. On the grass, between buildings, people are getting down and dirty."

And according to the incredibly forthcoming soccer player, shenanigans at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 weren't just between athletes and other athletes.

"I may have snuck a celebrity back to my room without anybody knowing, and snuck him back out," Solo teases. "But that's my Olympic secret."

And late nights are apparently the norm — or at least they were during in Beijing.

"When we were done partying, we got out of our nice dresses, got back into our stadium coats and, at 7 a.m. with no sleep, went on the Today show drunk," Solo says. "Needless to say, we looked like hell."

The Word

Zombie apocalypse even more doomed

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Even for a zombie film, things are getting messy on the set of World War Z. After rewrites, the price tag is inching towards $170 million, and the studio still isn't happy with the ending, according to Vulture.

It's so tense that Brad Pitt — who stars as a UN employee tasked with interviewing survivors after a worldwide zombie attack — is rumoured to no longer be on speaking terms with director Marc Forster, who may be replaced for upcoming reshoots.

"They have to be careful, because the (Directors Guild of America) has strict rules that say Forster has to be there on the set," a source a source tells the site. "But someone is likely to be brought in to help direct the new action scenes."

The highly anticipated horror film, of course, has a history of trouble. Producers passed on shooting in Philadelphia — where the story is set, for obvious reasons, but the zombies are unionized — and instead set up shop in Glasgow, which has a pesky sense of hope in the air.

A very Gaga sleepover

Lady Gaga reportedly hosted a sleepover at the Chateau Marmont with fellow 26-year-olds Lindsay Lohan and singer Lana del Ray, spending the evening "watching old movies and playing board games," sources tell X17.

"The three of them had dinner in the garden on Tuesday night at Chateau, and then Lindsay and Gaga ran upstairs to play dress-up and came down in different outfits," a source says. But judging by Gaga's Twitter feed, Lohan wasn't eating much.

"When you ordered a cucumber and a knife to the bar last night, I thought your were going to perform a vasectomy. Just a skinny b—," the singer tweeted to Lohan the next morning.

Charlie has left the Twittersphere

After using the social media site to keep his career going after getting fired from Two and a Half Men, Charlie Sheen has quit Twitter.

The account boasted 7.7 million followers and had also been a useful tool for promoting his new sitcom, Anger Management, but apparently Sheen has other plans.

"Thank you all for your amazing support," Charlie tells TMZ. "Trust me when I say please 'follow' me to my next endeavor. It's gonna be epic."

Proving to be a man of his word, his Twitter account has been deleted, with just an error message reading, "Sorry, that page doesn't exist" remaining.

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Teen Vogue snubs protestors

Two girl crusaders who staged a mock red carpet show against Teen Vogue said their meeting with the magazine's top editor was brief and chilly. The two met with editor-in-chief Amy Astley for less than five minutes last week, when they delivered a petition bearing more than 28,000 signatures after their Times Square protest.
Astley did not talk to Emma Stydahar, 17, or Carina Cruz, 16, about their request for Teen Vogue to declare in its pages that it doesn't digitally manipulate images. Instead, the girls were given copies of Teen Vogue and told to use them to learn more about the magazine. "It was kind of shocking how rude they were to us," Carina said in a statement.
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On the Web

Good-natured dogs from NYC and Virginia get married at $158,000 extravaganza for charity

They had an abortion pact

Genetics. If you knew your child would have a genetic disorder, would you abort?

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With whole genome genetic testing, some women say they would abort a baby with a disability. THINKSTOCK

When Rachel and her husband learned that they were pregnant, they began to weigh the possibility of having a child with a severe genetic disorder.

Conceiving at the "advanced maternal age" of 35 years old, Rachel was aware that both she and her husband, aged 40, were at a higher risk for having a child with down syndrome, among other conditions.

They decided that should their fetus test positive for a severe genetic disorder, they would choose abortion.

In retrospect, the now mother to a healthy baby boy says that she and her husband mainly considered quality of a life and what the baby would ultimately prefer.

"We had to ask ourselves what we would want if we were the fetus. Life is challenging enough when you have all of your physical and emotional capacities in check," she says.

A controversial form of testing

Emotionally, both pro-choice parents worried they could not be a sturdy support system to a struggling child. The fear of failing a suffering kid caused both Rachel and her husband multiple panic attacks as they readied their life for a new addition.

Financial components also had husband and wife realizing that they couldn't afford treatment for severe disabilities. At the time they found themselves pregnant, Rachel had started a new business and her husband was a teacher.

Rachel's pact with her husband mirrors concerns some doctors have about the availability of noninvasive genetic testing. Between daddy's saliva and mommy's blood, scientists can now access a baby's entire genome with a peek into mutations that cause autism.

Other developing blood tests can determine a baby's likelihood to be born with down syndrome following just a few weeks after conception. And understandably, doctors are concerned for what ethical territory some parents are willing to foray into.

Dr. Arthur Caplan told ABC News that parents obtaining accurate genetic information about their unborn "will be among the most controversial forms of testing ever to appear in medicine as the debate over abortion and disabilities shift to whole genome genetic testing."

Marcy Darnovsky, associate executive director of the Center for Genetics and Society, told The New York Times the accessibility of tests will cause "who deserves to be born" dialogues between parents and doctors.

"It is a very personal choice"

Nevertheless, Rachel is contemplating expanding her family with the same approach in mind. This time both she and her husband will be even older. "If we did, or do in the future, have another child and they are born with a disability, we would raise them to the best of our ability and give them all the love we have to give. However, given the choice, we would allow a healthier spirit to come into the world at another time.

"It is a very personal choice and never an easy one," she adds. "There is nothing easy for women, pro-choice or not, about terminating a pregnancy. There will inevitably be an emotional hurdle to go over."

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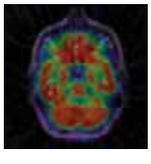

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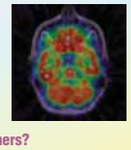

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2. Divide mix between 2 sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil. Roll to form package. Wrap each again securely in another sheet of foil to double wrap.

3. Place packages on greased grill over hot coals of campfire and cook, turning once, until peppers are tender, 12 mins.

4. Meanwhile, melt butter in large cast-iron skillet. Crack 3 eggs into skillet and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

5. Let eggs cook until whites begin to turn opaque, 3 mins. If you wish, turn eggs over and continue cooking, just until yolk begins to set, about 1 min. Repeat with remaining eggs.

6. To serve, divide pepper mixture on plates and place an egg on top of each serving of peppers. **EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO**

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- 3 tbsp (45 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ lemon, juiced
- ½ tsp (2 ml) salt and pepper

Eggs
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 6 eggs
- Salt and pepper

This recipe serves six. EGG FARMERS OF ONTARIO

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The English muffin is a better choice in terms of fat and calories.

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One 12-grain bagel with cream cheese from Tim Hortons is equal to 15 Blue Menu granola bars in calories. You're better off getting your fibre elsewhere!

Breakfast Flatbread. Right way to start your woodsy adventure

With a bit of planning and organization you can eat delicious, hearty meals, even in the woods!

These breakfast flatbreads are made using store-bought pizza dough and are simply cooked on a grill over a fire.

1. In saucepan, heat oil and garlic over medium heat, about 4 minutes. Let sit 10 minutes. Strain, let cool. Discard garlic

2. On floured surface, divide dough into 5 equal portions. (You can use cutting board, when camping).

3. Shape each portion of dough into approximately ½ -inch (1.5 cm) thick rustic 7-inch (18 cm) disks. Put disks on a lightly oiled rimmed baking sheet. Dust top with flour and, top with sheet of oiled parchment paper.

4. Slide dough rounds, on outdoor grill and cook over the fire. Cook each disk, one at a time, cook about 30 seconds or until grill marks appear on bottom of rounds, turn and grill on other side, about 1 minute. Transfer to clean work surface.

5. Brush each flatbread with garlic and oil. Top with mozzarella slices, spinach and tomatoes. Break 1 egg into center of each flatbread.

6. Season flatbread with salt and pepper. Cover grill with greased foil paper and slide flatbread back onto greased aluminum foil on grill and cook tented with tinfoil until cheese is melted and egg is set, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 2 minutes before cutting. Continue process until all Breakfast Flatbreads are finished.
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This recipe serves five. EGGS FARMERS OF ONTARIO

Ingredients

- 1 lb (500 g) store-bought whole wheat pizza dough
- ½ cup (125 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 pkg (200g each) fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced
- 2 cups (500 ml) baby spinach leaves
- 4 large ripe tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 5 eggs
- Salt and pepper

Work wardrobes that work

Dress for success.
How to keep your attire professional while maintaining your personal style

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

SooJin K. Chu is the founder of Swagger & Glide, a Boston-based personal shopper/fashion consultant company.

Chu specializes in customizing wardrobes to specific professional environments while incorporating personal taste.

What's the first thing you address when working on a client's professional wardrobe?
Most people don't realize that the way your clothes fit is a huge part of how you're perceived by others.

If the shoulders of your suit are ridiculously big, you're giving the impression that you don't belong in it — like you borrowed your dad's suit. So I work a lot with my clients on making sure the clothes you have on really do fit you and your body type.

How do you balance feeling like yourself and fitting into a business environment?
Sometimes people want to hold on to how they dress as their own creative outlet. And I encourage that in small doses: a fun tie, suspenders instead of a belt or an unusual pair of socks. But, especially with first impressions, nobody ever says, "This person looks too professional for this setting."

Is there a purpose to dressing for work, beyond just getting the job and looking professional?
Oh yes. For starters, if you make yourself stand out in a work environment that creates a subconscious reaction in others: You feel less approachable to them. At the same time, you don't want to feel like you've lost your personality. You want to let yourself think outside of the box. It's a constant balance.

Want to boost your confidence around the office? Suit yourself. ISTOCK

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‘Sometimes we need a little help and inspiration’

Girl Power. Meredith Shaw is helping females find their own voice

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“It’s awesome when you get what you want to do most in life.”

For Meredith Shaw that’s making music. The singer-songwriter has been performing most of her life and got her big break when Gordie Johnson of reggae-rock band Big Sugar took her under his wing. Johnson produced her CD Place Called Happy and invited her to tour with his band.

“Between touring with Big Sugar, doing my solo shows, hosting my radio show (with Toronto’s Boom 97.3) and muffymade (her greeting card company) it’s been incredible. I’m so grateful.”

Meredith’s single, Girls Who Believe is a hit and now she’s reaching out to inspire other young girls to go after their dreams. She’s launched a Canada-wide contest for girls to appear in her next video.

“Whatever they want to go after in life I want to show them they can. For me it’s music, for them it could be being a dentist, owning a business or being a mom. Sometimes we need a little help and inspiration.”

Calling all girls who believe. Send Meredith your video! “I want to celebrate and do it together.”

Follow your dreams

“Whatever they want to go after in life I want to show them they can.”
Meredith Shaw

Meredith Shaw, singer-songwriter, radio host and business owner. PROVIDED

Dream it, be it

Are you a girl who believes?

- Upload a video (three minutes max) to YouTube telling Meredith why you are a girl who believes.
- Send the link to girlswhobelieve@gmail.com
- All Videos are due by August 13, 2012 at 12 a.m.
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SPORTS

NBA

Kidd charged with drunk driving

New York Knicks point guard Jason Kidd was arrested on a drunk-driving charge after police said he crashed his SUV into a telephone pole in the Hamptons on Sunday, days after signing with the Knicks. Treated at a hospital for minor injuries after the crash, Kidd was arraigned on a misdemeanour driving-while-intoxicated charge and released without bail, Southampton Town police said. His attorney, Ed Burke Jr., said in a statement that Kidd was returning from a charity function before his accident, had pleaded not guilty to the DWI charge and was awaiting further court proceedings.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mobile sports

With the crowd roaring, Padraig Harrington got so excited after holing the 18th green at Royal Lytham and St. Annes in 1996 that he forgot what he was doing. Scan the code to find out why Harrington and other golfers say the British Open is "like no other major."

Pitcher Carlos Villanueva, left, confers with J.P. Arencibia Sunday at Rogers Centre in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Villanueva digs deep to deliver win for Jays

MLB. Toronto starter gets career-high eight strikeouts vs. Indians

Carlos Villanueva was out of gas and almost out of time, so what's a tired pitcher to do with his last offering of a game?

Throw something no one's really expecting and hope for the best.

Villanueva, giving the Blue Jays the outing that they needed, fanned Cleveland's Casey Kotchman with two out and two on to end the sixth inning at the Rogers Centre on Sunday, the key out to quell the final uprising as Toronto blanked the Indians 3-0 before an announced crowd of 26,407.

And the big out came in part by blind luck.

"Sometimes there's nothing better than a good old backup slider. I think it surprised everybody: me, him, J.P. (Arencibia behind the plate) — everybody," Villanueva said after he set a career high with eight strikeouts to run his record to 4-0.

"That's why he swung through it, it was such a bad pitch.... Didn't know where it was going to go and he swung through it. I don't really care how it happens, it got the last out."

The important one, as it turns out.

Jason Frasor threw a one-hit seventh and Darren Oliver, pressed into the closer's role because Casey Janssen was forced to throw a four-out save on Saturday, needed just six pitches to get through the eighth and survived a leadoff double in the ninth to get his first save of the season.

Sunday's game

Blue Jays	Indians
3	0

Oliver has also allowed just one earned run in his last 16.2 innings stretching over 18 games.

The 28-year-old Villanueva gave up only three hits in six innings, never allowing more than one hit in an inning, and pitched himself out of a couple of ticklish situations.

He had two on and one out in the first but induced a popup and a strikeout. He stranded a runner at third with one out in the second and got an inning-ending strikeout with runners at first and second in the fourth.

"He's come in with men on base before in shorter stints but he doesn't give in," said Blue Jays manager John Farrell. "He's got those three or four pitches that he can go to, he reads swings very well and he's extremely intelligent."

The Jays gave Villanueva a bit of a cushion with a three-run third inning, helped by a bout of wildness from Indians starter Derek Lowe.

Kelly Johnson singled, stole second and went to third when the throw from Cleveland catcher Carlos Santana sailed into centre field to lead off the third.

Johnson scored on an Arencibia single, Arencibia eventually came in on a Colby Rasmus single and, after a Jose Bautista single, Lowe walked Edwin Encarnacion and Adam Lind back to back to force in the third Blue Jays run. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Santos done for season

The Toronto Blue Jays will need to wait until next season to see if Sergio Santos is the closer they hope he is.

- Santos will undergo season-ending shoulder surgery after he felt discomfort during a throwing session Saturday.
- A timeline for the 29-year-old's return won't be established until after the surgery is completed.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Brees signs historic 5-year, $100M contract

Drew Brees has passed his physical and signed his historic $100-million, five-year contract with the New Orleans Saints.

The star quarterback agreed verbally to the deal Friday. He visited team headquarters Sunday to put pen to paper on a contract that gives him the highest average annual pay in NFL history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drew Brees signs his new contract Sunday in Metairie, La. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Roy Halladay set to return to the Phillies rotation

Phillies ace Roy Halladay is scheduled to be activated from the 15-day disabled list Tuesday and start the game that night against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The right-hander has been sidelined by a strained right lat muscle since May 28. Team officials announced the plans Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cycling

Sanchez wins Tour stage marred by tacks on road

Luis Leon Sanchez of claimed a solo victory in the 14th stage of the Tour de France while Bradley Wiggins retained the yellow jersey as the race entered the Pyrenees on Sunday.

At least 30 riders suffered punctures after someone in the crowd of spectators apparently threw tacks on the road near the summit of the final climb. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	54	34	.614	—
Baltimore	46	42	.523	8
Tampa Bay	46	43	.517	8½
Boston	45	44	.506	9½
Toronto	45	44	.506	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	49	39	.557	—
Detroit	46	43	.517	3½
Cleveland	45	43	.511	4
Kansas City	38	49	.437	10½
Minnesota	36	52	.409	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	54	35	.607	—
Los Angeles	49	40	.551	5
Oakland	46	43	.517	8
Seattle	37	53	.411	17½

Sunday's results
L.A. Angels 10, N.Y. Yankees 8
Toronto 3, Cleveland 0
Detroit 4, Baltimore 0
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 2, Kansas City 1
Oakland 9, Minnesota 4
Texas 4, Seattle 0
Saturday's results
N.Y. Yankees 5, L.A. Angels 3
Toronto 11, Cleveland 9
Baltimore 8, Detroit 6, 13 innings
Tampa Bay 5, Boston 3
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 9, Minnesota 3
Seattle 7, Texas 0
Monday's Games
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 4-9) at Detroit (Porcello 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 5-7) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 1-2) at Boston (A.Cook 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 3-1) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 1-0) at Minnesota (Diamond 7-3), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 8-7) at Kansas City (J.Sanchez 1-5), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	51	35	.593	—
Atlanta	49	39	.557	3
New York	46	43	.517	6½
Miami	42	46	.477	10
Philadelphia	39	51	.433	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	49	38	.563	—
Pittsburgh	49	39	.557	½
St. Louis	46	42	.523	3½
Milwaukee	42	46	.477	7½
Chicago	36	52	.409	13½
Houston	33	56	.371	17

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	49	40	.551	—
Los Angeles	48	42	.533	1½
Arizona	42	46	.477	6½
San Diego	36	54	.400	13½
Colorado	34	54	.386	14½

Sunday's results
Washington 4, Miami 0
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 1
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Arizona 1
Philadelphia 5, Colorado 1
San Francisco 3, Houston 2
San Diego 7, L.A. Dodgers 2
St. Louis at Cincinnati
Saturday's results
Chicago Cubs 4, Arizona 1
Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 7
Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 2, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 4
Miami 2, Washington 1
Philadelphia 8, Colorado 5
San Francisco 3, Houston 2, 12 innings
San Diego 7, L.A. Dodgers 6
Monday's Games
Arizona (Miley 9-5) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (E.Jackson 5-4) at Miami (Zambrano 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 11-4) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 2-2) at Colorado (Francis 2-2), 8:40 p.m.
Houston (Happ 6-9) at San Diego (K.Wells 1-2), 10:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 7-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 1-5), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 3, INDIANS 0

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0
ACarer ss	4	0	1	0	Rasms cf	4	1	1	1
Kipnis 2b	3	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	2	0
Hafner dh	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	2	0	0	0
CSantn c	3	0	1	0	Lind dh	2	0	0	1
Brantly cf	3	0	2	0	YEscor ss	3	0	0	0
Ktchm 1b	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	2	1	0	0
Damon lf	3	0	0	0	BFrncs lf	3	0	1	0
Duncan ph	1	0	0	0	RDavis pr-lf	0	0	0	0
Hannhn 3b	2	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	1	1	1
JoLopz ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**31**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**Totals**		**27**	**3**	**5**	**3**

Cleveland	000	000	000	**0**
Toronto	003	000	00x	**3**

E—C.Santana (6). DP—Cleveland 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Cleveland 9, Toronto 4. 2B—Brantley 2 (27), Bautista (14), B.Francisco (5). SB—Bautista (5), K.Johnson (10). CS—R.Davis (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
D.Lowe L,8-7	6	3	3	3	4	5
J.Smith	2	2	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
Villanueva W,4-0	6	3	0	0	5	8
Frasor H,13	1	1	0	0	0	1
Oliver S,1-2	2	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Villanueva.
T—2:42. A—26,407 (49,260).

SATURDAY

BLUE JAYS 11, INDIANS 9

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	1	0	Lawrie 3b	4	1	2	1
ACarer ss	4	1	0	0	Rasms cf	4	1	0	0
Kipnis 2b	4	0	1	0	Bautist rf	3	3	1	0
JoLopz 3b	4	1	1	0	Encrnc 1b	4	2	2	3
Hafner ph	1	0	1	1	Lind dh	5	1	4	4
Hannhn pr-3b	0	0	0	0	YEscor ss	5	1	1	2
CSantn dh	3	2	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	1	0
Brantly cf	4	2	3	2	RDavis lf	4	0	0	0
Duncan lf	4	2	3	3	Arencii c	4	1	2	1
Ktchm 1b	5	1	1	2					
Marson c	4	0	1	0					
Totals	**37**	**9**	**12**	**8**	**Totals**		**37**	**11**	**13**	**11**

Cleveland	020	200	050	**9**
Toronto	208	010	00x	**11**

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Cleveland 8, Toronto 8. 2B—Choo (27), Lawrie (17), Bautista (13), Lind (9), K.Johnson (9), Arencibia 2 (13). HR—Brantley (4), Duncan (9), Kotchman (9), Encarnacion 2 (25), Y.Escobar (6). SB—Lawrie (12), K.Johnson 2 (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Jimenez L,8-8	2 1-3	7	8	8	4	2
Barnes	1 2-3	3	2	2	2	2
Accardo	2	2	1	1	0	0
Rogers	2	1	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Laffey W,1-1	5	8	4	4	3	4
Loup	2	0	0	0	0	0
J.Chavez	0	3	4	4	1	0
A.Carpenter H,1	2-3	0	1	1	2	1
Janssen S,13-14	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0

T—3:15. A—32,517 (49,260).

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	19	11	5	3	25	17	36
D.C. United	18	10	5	3	34	22	33
New York	19	9	5	5	34	29	32
Chicago	19	9	6	4	22	21	31
Houston	18	6	5	7	22	24	25
Columbus	17	6	7	4	17	19	22
New England	18	6	8	4	24	23	22
Montreal	21	6	12	3	28	38	21
Philadelphia	17	6	9	2	20	19	20
Toronto	19	4	11	4	22	35	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	20	12	4	4	41	24	40
Real Salt Lake	21	11	7	3	31	26	36
Seattle	20	8	5	7	25	21	31
Vancouver	20	8	6	6	21	23	30
Los Angeles	20	8	10	2	33	32	26
Colorado	19	7	11	1	26	26	22
Chivas USA	17	5	7	5	11	18	20
Portland	18	5	9	4	19	29	19
Dallas	20	4	9	7	19	28	19

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.

Sunday's results
Seattle 2 New York 2
D.C. United at Houston
Saturday's results
Toronto 1 New England 0
Chicago 1 Vancouver 0
Philadelphia 2 Montreal 1
Kansas City 2 Columbus 0
Dallas 2 Colorado 1
San Jose 5 Real Salt Lake 0
Los Angeles 5 Portland 3

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Antonio	16	8	3	5	24	15	29
Puerto Rico	17	8	5	4	24	17	28
Tampa Bay	17	8	6	3	23	21	27
Minnesota	16	7	4	5	24	21	26
Carolina	16	5	5	6	28	26	21
Fort Lauderdale	17	5	6	6	25	29	21
Atlanta	17	3	9	5	19	33	14
Edmonton	16	3	9	4	13	18	13

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Sunday's result
Tampa Bay 1 Edmonton 0
Saturday's results
Atlanta 2 Puerto Rico 1
San Antonio 2 Fort Lauderdale 2

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1984: Alex Baumann, swimming
1980: Sue Holloway, canoeing

CYCLING

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At La Toussuire, France
Sunday's results — 14th Stage
1. Luis Leon Sanchez, Spain, Rabobank, four hours, 50 minutes, 29 seconds; 2. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Liquigas-Cannondale, 0:47 behind; 3. Sandy Casar, France, FDJ-Big Mat, same time; 4. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time; 5. Gorka Izaguirre, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time; 6. Sergio Paulinho, Portugal, Team Saxo Bank-Tinkoff Bank, 2:51; 7. Sebastien Minard, France, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time; 8. Martin Velits, Slovakia, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, 3:49; 9. Eduard Vorganov, Russia, Katusha, 4:51; 10. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Rabobank, 4:53.
Overall Standings
(After 14th of 20 stages)
1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 64 hours, 41 minutes, 16 seconds; 2. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, 2:05 behind; 3. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 2:23; 4. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, 3:19; 5. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, 4:48; 6. Haimar Zubeldia, Spain, RadioShack-Nissan, 6:15; 7. Tejay Van Garderen, U.S., BMC Racing, 6:57; 8. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 7:30; 9. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, 8:31; 10. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 8:51.

GOLF

PGA JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

At Silvis, Ill.
Par 71 (35-36)
Final Round

x-Zach Johnson, $828,000	68-65-66-65—264
Troy Matteson, $496,800	61-68-66-69—264
Scott Piercy, $312,800	65-69-67-65—266
John Senden, $220,800	69-64-67-67—267
Luke Guthrie, $174,800	65-68-71-64—268
Steve Stricker, $174,800	65-67-66-70—268
Scott Brown, $154,100	70-66-66-67—269
Chris DiMarco, $124,200	66-67-68-69—270
Billy Hurley III, $124,200	68-68-64-70—270
Lee Janzen, $124,200	67-65-71-67—270
Ryan Moore, $124,200	67-69-66-68—270
Kevin Streelman, $124,200	68-69-68-65—270
K.J. Choi, $81,267	65-72-67-67—271
Ben Crane, $81,267	66-67-73-65—271
Tommy Gainey, $81,267	69-66-69-67—271
Nick Watney, $81,267	68-68-69-66—271
Erik Compton, $81,267	68-69-66-68—271
J.J. Henry, $81,267	67-64-69-71—271
Gary Christian, $53,820	65-66-70-71—272
Brendon de Jonge, $53,820	68-68-67-69—272

WEB.COM-UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

At Sandy, Utah

Doug LaBelle II, $99,000	64-68-69-68—269
James Hahn, $36,300	68-66-71-65—270
Scott Gutschewski, $36,300	67-67-69-67—270
Sam Saunders, $36,300	70-68-65-67—270
Michael Putnam, $36,300	67-66-63-74—270
Craig Bowden, $19,800	70-66-68-67—271
Ron Whittaker, $17,738	67-69-71-65—272
Andy Pope, $17,738	68-69-68-67—272
Richard Scott, $11,550	**70-69-68-66—273**
Russell Henley, $11,550	69-70-67-67—273
Also	
James Love, $11,550	**66-68-69-70—273**
Brad Fritsch, $5,029	**64-70-73-68—275**

U.S. SENIOR OPEN

At Lake Orion Mich.
Par 70 (35-35)
Final Round

Roger Chapman, $500,000	68-68-68-66—270
Fred Funk, $177,739	67-71-67-67—272
Tom Lehman, $177,739	70-66-68-68—272
Corey Pavin, $177,739	67-69-68-68—272
Bernhard Langer, $177,739	66-70-64-72—272
Also	
Rod Spittle, $19,491	**70-69-71-72—282**
Jim Rutledge, $17,017	**72-72-73-66—283**

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	3	2	1	0	84	100	4
Hamilton	3	1	2	0	88	109	2
Toronto	3	1	2	0	81	91	2
Winnipeg	3	0	3	0	56	116	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	3	3	0	0	83	37	6
B.C.	3	2	1	0	92	75	4
Edmonton	3	2	1	0	62	42	4
Calgary	3	1	2	0	106	82	2

WEEK THREE
Saturdays results
Hamilton 36 Toronto 27
Saskatchewan 23 B.C. 20
Friday's result
Edmonton 42 Winnipeg 10
Thursday's result
Montreal 33 Calgary 32
WEEK FOUR
Wednesday, July 18
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 19
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Friday, July 20
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 21
Montreal at Hamilton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

TIGER-CATS 36, ARGONAUTS 27

First Quarter
Ham — TD Williams 34 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 10:12
Ham — TD Fantuz 24 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 14:52
Second Quarter
Ham — TD Williams 89 punt return (Congi convert) 1:58
Tor — FG Prefontaine 15 6:27
Ham — Single Bartel 57 10:21
Tor — FG Prefontaine 37 12:27
Tor — TD Jackson 1 run (Prefontaine convert) 13:55
Ham — TD Williams 119 missed field goal return (Congi convert) 15:00
Third Quarter
Tor — FG Alix 18 4:08
Tor — Single Alix 24 10:48
Fourth Quarter
Tor — TD Boyd 5 run (Alix convert) 0:55
Tor — FG Alix 19 4:08
Ham — TD Grant 6 pass from Burris (Congi convert) 8:01

Toronto	**0**	**13**	**4**	**10**	**27**
Hamilton	**14**	**15**	**0**	**7**	**36**

Attendance — 24,263 at Hamilton, Ont.

LIONS 20 AT ROUGHRIDERS 23

First Quarter
B.C. — FG McCallum 38 3:56
Sask — FG Milo 32 11:07
B.C. — TD Johnson 69 pass from Lulay (McCallum convert) 11:50
Second Quarter
Sask — FG Milo 38 3:10
Sask — TD Sheets 1 run (Milo convert) 6:54
B.C. — FG McCallum 30 15:00
Third Quarter
Sask — FG Milo 33 10:57
Fourth Quarter
Sask — TD Jackson 129 missed field goal return 0:40 (Milo convert)
B.C. — TD Iannuzzi 8 pass from Lulay (McCallum) 11:16

B.C.	**10**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**20**
Saskatchewan	**3**	**10**	**3**	**7**	**23**

Attendance — 32,080 at Regina.

FRIDAY

ESKIMOS 42, BLUE BOMBERS 10

First Quarter
Edm — TD Kent 29 fumble return (Shaw convert) 7:31
Edm — FG Shaw 42 10:32
Second Quarter
Edm — TD Koch 33 pass from Jyles (Shaw convert) 2:30
Edm — TD Hill 32 interception return (Shaw convert) 3:53
Edm — Single Shaw 44 5:25
Edm — FG Shaw 24 9:46
Edm — TD Chambers 4 pass from Joseph (Shaw convert) 14:52
Third Quarter
Wpg — FG Palardy 46 12:02
Fourth Quarter
Wpg — TD Matthews 72 pass from Elliot (Palardy convert) 0:46
Edm — TD Charles 76 pass from Joseph (Shaw convert) 9:45

Winnipeg	**0**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**10**
Edmonton	**10**	**25**	**0**	**7**	**42**

Attendance — 32,067 at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

(x — scored two-point convert)

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
Prefontaine, Tor	0	5	10	2	37
McCallum, BC	0	9	9	0	36
Milo, Sask	0	8	7	2	31
C.Williams, Ham	5	0	0	0	30
Whyte, Mtl	0	9	6	0	27
Paredes, Cal	0	11	5	0	26
Shaw, Edm	0	6	6	1	25
Sheets, Sask	4	0	0	0	24
x-Lewis, Cal	3	2	0	0	20
Palardy, Wpg	0	5	5	0	20

TENNIS

ATP CAMPBELL'S HALL OF FAME CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Newport, R.I.
Singles
Championship
John Isner (1), United States, def. Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Doubles
Championship
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky (3), United States, def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (2), Britain, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

ATP CROATIA OPEN

At Umag, Croatia
Singles
Championship
Marin Cilic (2), Croatia, def. Marcel Granollers (4), Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA ITALIACOM OPEN

At Palermo, Sicily
Singles
Championship
Sara Errani (1), Italy, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (8), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3.

WTA BANK OF THE WEST CLASSIC

At Stanford, Calif.
Singles
Championship
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 7-5, 6-3.
Doubles
Championship
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Heather Watson, Britain, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Vania King (1), United States, 7-5, 7-6 (7).

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Jennifer Abel works out at Montreal 1976 Olympic Pool in April. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Abel's mind all clear heading into London

Diving. Laval, Que., diver in fine form heading into second Games at age 20

Every Olympics provides us with a belle of the ball.

All of these athletes are so young, so unaffected, so uncommonly nice. We like a bit of growl from a pro, but the Olympics is a social experiment proving to us that you don't have to be fitful and snarling to be great at something.

There are a wide variety of Canadian candidates for that role in London, but few have the elfin charm of Laval, Que., native Jennifer Abel.

When she walks into a room, Abel does so on her toes, like a dancer. She has that open, slightly sideways smile designed for maximum, childlike endearment. She is shy, especially when speaking English.

"I have been taking an English course," Abel says. The accent is hard, all Quebec. She pauses. "Class? Course? Do you say 'class' or 'course'?"

Either, which proves that it's working.

Canada is not a factory producing child divers. Abel was one of the youngest ever when she earned a senior spot at age 15, and an Olympic berth at 16. She placed a very respectable 13th on the three-metre board in Beijing.

While Canada's diving team is still associated with two long-serving veterans — Emilie Heymans (Abel's three-metre synchro partner) and Alex Despatie — it is Abel who comes in on the best run of form.

She did not miss a podium during the 2011 season on the three-metre board. She won a bronze at the world aquatics championships in that event and a silver with Heymans in synchro. Along with freestyle distance swimmer Ryan Cochrane, Abel was named Canada's 2011 aquatic athlete of the year.

This sort of achievement obviously requires focus, but Abel comes across as a dreamy sort.

Quoted

"The time I'm in the air seems so long. Sometimes it feels like I have to think about everything.... It feels like my life passes in front of me before I hit the water."

Jennifer Abel

When she was about 12, she skimmed the board with her head on a rotation during practice. It fixed in her a fear of hurting herself during a dive (ask Despatie about how real that feeling is). She decided she was done with diving. Her family and coaches coaxed her back to the pool. And she adapted to that fear in an odd way. While most divers spend the moments before their dive running through its many complications, Abel does the opposite.

"Nothing. I'm thinking nothing before. If I try to visualize, I will visualize that I am hurting myself," Abel says.

She brought that looseness to Beijing. There are a thousand good reasons why someone doesn't do as well as they might have dreamed they could. Like the rest of us, Olympians are not realists. They know their place well before they arrive, but cling to the idea that the unrealized breakthrough could happen at the perfect moment.

Sometimes, the hope confuses the reality. Many speak of their first Olympics as a teachable moment that has nothing to do with sports, and everything to do with adaptation to the stage itself.

Abel won't allow herself to think that way.

"In Beijing, I wasn't nervous at all. I didn't pay attention to anything, to how big it is," she says. "But now I know. Last time I came 13th. All I want to do is beat that place."

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Back on the board

Canadian diver Alexandre Despatie has cleared a psychological hurdle in his comeback from a head injury.

- On Friday, he completed the dive that landed him in hospital with a concussion last month and put his London Games preparation in jeopardy.
- "Today has been a memorable one!" Despatie said on Twitter. "This morning I did 'THE' dive again..It went well! I was a bit emotional after..But a big step for me! #proud."
- The 27-year-old from Laval, Que., smashed his head during practice in June, leaving a 10-centimetre gash near his hairline that required surgery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alexandre Despatie
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Suspension overturned

IOC changes tune on Kuwaiti flag

The IOC lifted a ban on Kuwait's Olympic Committee, allowing the athletes from the Gulf emirate to compete under their country's flag at the London Games.

The International Olympic Committee suspended Kuwait in 2010 because of political interference. The IOC said in May that Kuwaiti athletes would be allowed to participate at the Games despite the dispute, but would have to compete and march in the opening ceremony under the Olympic flag. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racism allegations

Aussie Steffensen threatens to sit out after 400m snub

Australian track athlete John Steffensen has threatened to boycott the London Olympics after alleging racism because he was not selected individually to run the 400 metres and was given only a relay spot.

Steffensen, in a television interview, accused Athletics Australia of racial vilification and said he would bypass the Games in protest. The dual Commonwealth Games gold medallist was upset after an individual 400 berth was granted to teenager Steve Solomon, a runner who also achieved a B-qualifying time.

Steffensen was selected only as a member of Australia's 4x400 relay team.
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John Steffensen GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Olympics organizers sprint to tie up loose ends

London Games.
Official says venue setups are on track to be done for opening ceremony

With the opening ceremony less than two weeks away, there's a mad dash to the finish line at the Olympics and it has nothing to do with sprinters.

Hundreds of construction workers are toiling away inside the Olympic Park, laying cables, installing seats and adding the last layers of sparkle and polish to the venues.

There's plenty to do.

"It's looking a bit industrial isn't it?" said Chris Allen, a local who came to the edge of the park to have a look. "I am not seeing England's green fields. I do hope it's going to look better."

Shades of Athens, where chronic delays pushed workers to the brink to complete preparations in time for the Games to start in 2004? Hardly, say London organizers, who have prided themselves on finishing their massive construction project ahead of time and on budget. Things may look a bit messy now, they say, but all will be fine by the time the curtain goes up on July 27, when the torch is lit.

"We're not at the stage yet where we're ready to flick the TV on," James Bulley, director of venues for the organizing committee LOCOG, told The Associated Press. "The athletes aren't ready to start competing yet, either. We want all our venues to look absolutely spectacular and pristine.

Workers carry scaffolding next to the Riverbank Arena in the Olympic Park on Sunday in London. JAE HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"They look unfinished before you get there. But the venues are ready. They've been tested."

Andrew Boff, a member of the London Assembly and vocal critic of the Olympic project

"The venues are ready. We're now just doing the final setup for the Games. We're in a good place. We're on track. There's nothing I'm worried about."

The last few weeks and days are all about putting up signs, fitting in the remaining seats and completing the landscaping.

"We will be mowing lawns right up to the opening ceremony," LOCOG chairman Sebastian Coe told the AP.

The last thing organizers need at this point is a crisis over readiness of the venues. At the moment, they're coping with the fallout from a bungled contract by private security group G4S that forced the government to call in about 3,500 additional troops — many just returned from tours of duty in Afghanistan — to fill the shortfall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have wasted far too much time on issues that in the greater scheme of things just do not matter. That needs to change. It's time to get serious about what is truly important in your life, starting with your family.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You know what you want and you know how to get it and come the new moon on Thursday it will be in your possession. When it comes to satisfying your physical and emotional desires, nothing gets in the way!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 20
No matter what you are going through at the moment you know what needs to be done to remedy the situation. So do it. Others will come to you with their problems too but they must be told to wait.

♋ Cancer
June 21 - July 22
You don't lack for opinions and over the next few days you won't lack for the confidence to express them. Just make sure that everything you say is based on genuine facts. Wishful thinking is not good enough.

♌ Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22
Some things will make no sense at all over the next few days. Should you be worried? Not really. There is a method behind the apparent madness of current events — it's just that you can't quite see it yet.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
The closer you get to Thursday's new moon the sharper your vision will be. Your inner vision too will be clear and strong and you'll know without a shadow of a doubt what needs to be done. So do it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Get serious about your aims and ambitions this week. Even if you are the type of Libra who finds it hard to be decisive you will be motivated to start something new over the next few days. Make it big.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You will have to deal with people whose ideas and opinions are the opposite to your own today but you can still get along. In fact it is quite likely you will be inspired by their different take on reality.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Even if you don't see yourself as particularly ambitious you will want to move up in the world over the next few days. More to the point you will want to see your income improve. You're worth more than you're getting.

♑ Capricorn
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Let certain people know why you need to break free. They will, of course, disagree with every word you say but you are determined to do things your way for a change. Good for you. It's your life after all.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb 18
The more you worry about your money situation the more you set up a negative feedback loop, which just makes matters worse. Focus on something positive today, something that brings a smile to your face.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20
If you've got something to say then you must say it, no matter what the consequences might be. Put your point of view across simply but forcefully, then listen carefully to the replies that come in.

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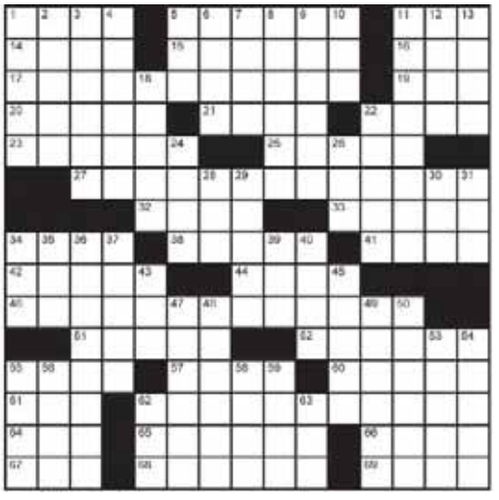
Crossword

Across
1. Land of the Midnight Sun dweller
5. In 1534, Jacques Cartier landed on the Gaspe Peninsula and claimed the land for this country
11. 1501
14. One of the reeds
15. Cleaning these stables was one of the 12 tasks of Hercules
16. Colgate competitor
17. Paul de ___: founder in 1642 of Ville-Marie (Montreal)
19. "___ thousand times ..."
20. Spotty breakouts
21. Org. probing for outer-space life
22. Bearer of bad luck
23. "___ shabby!"
25. "___ Joe's": diner invitation
27. In 1926, it defined British dominions as equal in status
32. Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now buried in Colma, California
33. Nearby movie houses, colloquially
34. VIP wheels
38. In 1994, this pact linked Canada, the United States, and Mexico
41. Canada joined this mutual defense org. in 1949
42. Garnish
44. The Lord of the Rings creatures
46. Alberta and Saskatchewan became part of this on Sept. 1, 1906
51. Fiddler on the Roof dairyman
52. Bring in
55. Osso ___ (Italian veal dish)
57. First name in jazz singing
60. Madagascar tree climber
61. That: Sp.
62. Ontario's precursor, established in 1791
64. Abner or Orphan Annie lead-in
65. Accomplished in
66. Astringents
67. Where to take it on the
68. Bytown today
69. Toronto originally

Down
1. Willie of Death of a Salesman
2. "Great" or "Little" Bahamas island
3. Destination in a two-part route
4. Spanish coin first minted in 1869
5. Computer cooler
6. Baseball scores
7. "A Death in the Family" writer
8. Grammar gender
9. Expensive spread
10. Québec-to-Montréal dir.
11. It joined 46-Across on July 15, 1870
12. Singer Celine
13. This giant-screen, large-format film medium was developed in Toronto in 1970
18. "___ Mio": Enrico Caruso hit
22. Canada declared war on this country on Dec. 7, 1941
24. The end ___ era
26. Start of a countdown
28. 60 minuti
29. Expecting, as a raise
30. Sometimes follows a gen.
31. General for whom a style of chicken is named
34. Alberta's ___ La Biche
35. Exchanged vow



36. On September 13, 1759 Wolfe defeated this French commander on the Plains of Abraham
37. Monteverdi opera partly set in the underworld
39. Refrain syllable
40. Broadway opening
43. Cal neighbor
45. City that was India's summer capital during The Raj
47. Colorist's vessel
48. Conger trap under water
49. Without subterfuge
50. "Skip the sandwich dressing"
53. Not so civil
54. East of Eden family name
55. He invented the telephone July 26, 1874, in Brantford, Ont.
56. Org. that oversaw the Voice of America until 1999
58. Swan lover?
59. Got ___ deal
62. La Cage aux Folles actor Tognazzi
63. Windy City rail system, briefly

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

4		8		1		7	3	
	7	1						
			9					1
9		2	8					
5			2		3			6
					7	2		3
2					4			
						1	5	
	4	9		5		3		2

Friday's Sudoku

1	3	2	7	6	8	5	4	9
4	7	6	9	5	2	1	8	3
8	9	5	1	3	4	2	7	6
6	2	3	5	7	9	8	1	4
5	1	8	4	8	6	7	3	2
9	4	7	2	1	3	6	8	5
7	5	4	8	9	1	3	2	6
3	8	1	6	2	5	4	9	7
2	6	9	3	4	7	8	5	1

Friday's crossword

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